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Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No.: SEMT116060

Application No.: 09/429,446 Group Art Unit: 1741

Filed: October 28, 1999 Examiner: W.T. Leader

Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECEREQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114Seattle, Washington 98101
March 31, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:

X a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 6, 2002.

X b. A Response is enclosed herewith.

X 2. A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) was previously filed in the above-identified application and is pending prior to a decision on appeal. In accordance with C.F.R. 37§ 1.114(d), applicant files the subject request for continued examination under this section after appeal, but prior to a decision on the appeal. According, this RCE should be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner.

X 3. Other documents enclosed are as follows: Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States to Overcome Cited Patents or Publications (37 C.F.R. 1.131) (two fully executed counterpart originals).

X 4. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

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COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	750
Total Claims	20	43	0	x 18	= 0
Independent Claims	1	7	0	x 84	= 0
TOTAL					\$750

X 5. Check No. 146802 in the amount of \$750.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.

X 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

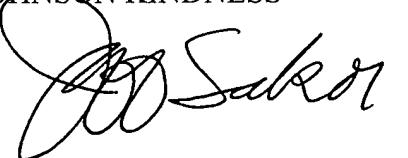
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